

Lineage and Honors History
Of the
380 Air Expeditionary Wing (ACC)

Lineage. Established as 380 Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 28 Oct 1942. Activated on 3 Nov 1942. Redesignated 380 Bombardment Group, Heavy on 26 Aug 1944. Inactivated on 20 Feb 1946. Redesignated 380 Bombardment Group, Very Heavy on 13 May 1947. Activated in the Reserve on 16 Jun 1947. Redesignated 380 Bombardment Group, Medium on 26 Jun 1949. Ordered to Active Service on 1 May 1951. Inactivated on 16 May 1951. Consolidated (31 Jan 1984) with the 380 Bombardment Wing, Medium, which was established on 23 Mar 1953. Activated on 11 Jul 1955. Redesignated: 380 Strategic Aerospace Wing on 15 Sep 1964; 380 Bombardment Wing, Medium on 1 Jul 1972; 380 Air Refueling Wing on 1 Jul 1991. Inactivated on 30 Sep 1995. Redesignated 380 Air Expeditionary Wing, and converted to provisional status, on 4 Dec 2001.

Assignments. 16 Bombardment (later, 16 Bombardment Training) Wing, 3 Nov 1942; V Bomber Command, c. 28 Apr 1943 (attached to Northwest Area Command, Royal Australian Air Force, 1 Jun 1943-Jan 1945); 310 Bombardment Wing, 24 Mar 1945; V Bomber Command, c. 9 Aug 1945; VII Bomber Command, 9 Oct 1945; Far East Air Forces, c. 28 Nov 1945-20 Feb 1946. 49 Bombardment Wing (later, 49 Air Division), 16 Jun 1947; Fifteenth Air Force (attached to 307 Bombardment Group), 26 Jun 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Apr 1950-16 May 1951. Eighth Air Force, 11 Jul 1955; 820 Air (later, 820 Strategic Aerospace) Division, 1 Feb 1956 (attached to 7 Air Division, 3 Apr-3 Jul 1957); 817 Air Division, 25 Jun 1965; 45 Air Division, 1 Jul 1968; 817 Air Division, 2 Jul 1969; 45 Air Division, 30 Jun 1971; Eighth Air Force, 29 Mar 1989;

Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Sep 1991; Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Jul 1993-30 Sep 1995. Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 4 Dec 2001.

Components. *Groups.* **380** Operations: 1 Sep 1991-1 Oct 1994. **458** Operations: 1 Jul 1993-1 Apr 1994. *Squadrons.* **No. 24** Royal Australian Air Force: attached May-Dec 1944. **26** Bombardment: attached 7 Aug 1957-31 Jul 1959, assigned 1 Aug 1959-1 Apr 1961. **310** Air Refueling: 25 Jan 1967-1 Sep 1991. **380** Air Refueling: 16 Aug 1956-1 Apr 1961; 15 Sep 1964-1 Sep 1991. **528** Bombardment: 3 Nov 1942-20 Feb 1946; 16 Jun 1947-16 May 1951; 11 Jul 1955-1 Jul 1991. **529** Bombardment: 3 Nov 1942-20 Feb 1946; 17 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949; 11 Jul 1955-25 Jun 1966; 1 Jan 1971-1 Sep 1991. **530** Bombardment (later, 530 Strategic Bombardment Training; 530 Combat Crew Training): 3 Nov 1942-20 Feb 1946; 17 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949; 11 Jul 1955-25 Jun 1966; 1 Jul 1986-1 Jul 1991. **531** Bombardment: 3 Nov 1942-20 Feb 1946; 16 Jun 1947-16 May 1951; 1 May 1959-1 Jan 1962. **556** Strategic Missile: 15 Sep 1964-25 Jun 1965. **4007** Combat Crew Training: 31 Dec 1971- 1 Jul 1986. **4365** Support (later, 4365 Post Attack Command Control): attached 20 Jul 1962-24 Dec 1964.

Stations. Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 3 Nov 1942; Biggs Field, TX, 2 Dec 1942; Lowry Field, CO, 4 Mar-Apr 1943; Fenton Field, Australia, May 1943 (air echelon), 24 Jun 1943 (ground echelon); Darwin, Australia, 9 Aug 1944; San Jose, Mindoro, c. 20 Feb 1945; Yontan Airfield, Okinawa, c. 9 Aug 1945; Fort William McKinley, Luzon, 28 Nov 1945-20 Feb 1946. MacDill Field (later, AFB), FL, 16 Jun 1947-16 May 1951. Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 11 Jul 1955-30 Sep 1995.

Commanders. None (apparently not manned), 3-26 Nov 1942; Col William A. Miller, 27 Nov 1942; Lt Col Forrest L. Brissey Jr., 10 Feb 1944; Lt Col John M. Henschke, 4

Sep 1944 (acting); Col Forrest L. Brissey Jr., 23 Oct 1944; Lt Col Gayle S. Cox, 30 Aug 1945; Col David A. Tate, 8 Sep 1945-unkn. Lt Col Charles W. Dean, 16 Jun 1947-unkn. Col Alvan N. Moore, 11 Jul 1955; Col Alvan C. Gillem II, 20 Dec 1957; Col Harold J. Whiteman, 1 Apr 1961; Col Robert G. Moll, 25 Jun 1965; Col Wallace Wall Jr., 10 Jul 1965; Col Warren D. Johnson, 1 Jul 1966; Col Howard P. McClain, 1 Jul 1967; Col Wesley L. Pendergraft, 7 Apr 1969; Col Gerhard R. Abendhoff, 20 Feb 1970; Col John M. Parker, 14 Jun 1972; Col Donald R. Nicholas, 19 Apr 1973; Col Robert E. Chapman, 8 Mar 1974; Col Earl T. O'Loughlin, 12 Apr 1974; Col John R. Shipe, 18 Jul 1975; Col Harold J. M. Williams, 26 Jul 1977; Brig Gen Thomas G. Tobin, 17 May 1979; Col Charles J. Searock Jr., 23 Jun 1981; Col George W. Larson Jr., 16 Jun 1983; Col Raymund E. O'Mara, 10 Mar 1984 (temporary); Col George W. Larson Jr., 15 Apr 1984; Col Raymund E. O'Mara, 10 Jun 1985; Col C. Jerome Jones, 20 Jun 1986; Col Richard N. Goddard, 19 Jan 1988; Col J. Paul Malandrino Jr., 6 Jun 1989; Col Larry J. Leturmy, 29 Aug 1991; Col James E. Andrews, 26 Aug 1992; Col Robert E. Dawson, 1 Oct 1993-unkn.

Aircraft and Missiles. B-24, 1942-1945. Unkn, 1947-1948; B-29 1949-1950; unkn, 1951. B-47, 1955-1965; KC-97, 1956-1961; EB-47, 1963-1964; Atlas, 1964-1965; KC-135, 1964-1994; B-52, 1966-1971; FB-111, 1971-1991; KC-10, 1993-1994.

Operations. B-24 combat training, Dec 1942-Apr 1943. Moved to Australia, May-Jun 1943. Group Headquarters and two squadrons operated from Fenton Field while the other two squadrons were located 100 miles away at Long Strip. Attached to the Royal Australian Air Force, the 380th assisted in securing Australia's Darwin area in the Northern Territory against the threatened Japanese invasion by flying armed

reconnaissance patrols that began in May 1943. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC) for a series of long-range attacks on oil refineries, shipping, and dock facilities in Balikpapan, Borneo, in Aug 1943. Repeatedly bombed enemy airfields in western New Guinea during Apr and May 1944 in support of American landings in the Hollandia area, for which it received its second DUC. Trained Australian crews to operate B-24s, May-Dec 1944. Moved to Darwin in Aug 1944 and to Mindoro in Feb-Mar 1945 where it flew air strikes against ground forces on Luzon, industries on Formosa, oil refineries in Borneo, railways and shipping in French Indochina, and ground installations on the China coast. Following cessation of hostilities, moved to Okinawa in Aug 1945; flew armed reconnaissance patrols over Japanese islands and ferried former prisoners of war from Japan to Manila. Reassigned to Seventh Air Force in Oct 1945 and participated in the Sunset Project – the return of B-24s and their crews to the United States. Reduced to a paper unit in Nov 1945, moved to Manila and inactivated on 20 Feb 1946. Active briefly in the Reserve, Jun 1947-May 1951. Trained in strategic bombardment, Aug 1955-Dec 1965. Conducted combat training through a wing detachment at Pinecastle AFB, FL, 10 Jan-25 Jun 1956, while Plattsburgh AFB facilities were completed. The first B-47 to be permanently assigned at Plattsburgh arrived on 1 Jun 1956. Received KC-97s in 1956 and flew worldwide air refueling missions, Sep 1956-Apr 1961 and again following receipt of KC-135s in Sep 1964. Deployed at Brize Norton RAF Station, England, 3 Apr-3 Jul 1957. Conducted overseas alert in England, Jan 1959-Mar 1965. Service tested a “super wing” concept (70 B-47s and 40 KC-97s), Jul 1959-Jun 1960. Flew EB-47 post attack command control missions, Jul 1962-Nov 1964. Briefly controlled Atlas ICBM operations, Sep 1964-Apr 1965. Commenced global strategic bombardment

training with B-52s in Jun 1966 and continued through Jan 1971. Converted to FB-111 medium bombers in 1971. Served as the single FB-111 combat crew training organization, 1971-1990. Apparently flew air refueling support to aircraft participating in restoration of democracy in Grenada, Oct-Nov 1983. Won the Strategic Air Command bombing and navigation competition (Fairchild Trophy) in 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, and 1984. Beginning Oct 1990, personnel deployed to several locations during the buildup to the war in Southwest Asia. Tankers provided aerial refueling and airlift services to the Kuwaiti Theater. Replaced another wing as “lead wing” forming the 1703rd Air Refueling Wing, Provisional, at King Khalid Intl Aprt (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, from late Oct 1990 to c. Mar 1991. Lost last FB-111 in Jul 1991 and redesignated to Air Refueling Wing. Gained three geographically separated air refueling squadrons (KC-135s) in Jun 1992 and the 458th Operations Group (flying KC-135s and KC-10s) in Jul 1993. Prepared to close Plattsburgh AFB from late 1993. All refueling operations had ceased by 1 Oct 1994.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Bismarck Archipelago; New Guinea; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. Grenada, 1983.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Borneo, 13, 15, and 17 Aug 1943; New Guinea, 20 Apr-17 May 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1975; 1 Jul 1979-30 Jun 1981; 1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII).

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 4 Dec 2001

Commanders, Aircraft, and Operations through Jun 1994.

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Emblem. Approved on 26 Nov 1956.

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